

# NEWSBRIEF



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**Anne Norris**

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**From:** Senator Ann H. Rest [annr@senate.mn]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 08, 2016 10:45 AM  
**To:** Anne Norris  
**Subject:** 2016 Capitol Update #1

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2016 Update #1

January 8, 2016

### **A Note from Ann**

Dear Constituents,

Happy New Year!

I invite you to visit the new Minnesota Senate Building (MSB) when you come to legislative activities in St. Paul in 2016. Our building is "open for business" on January 11. Both the Senate and the House will now have office space outside the Capitol itself for most members and staff. Because of renovation design decisions for the Capitol, which will reopen in 2017, it was not possible for Senate DFL members and staff, or for Senate non-partisan staff, to continue to office in the Capitol on a permanent basis. Former Senate space in the Capitol was re-allocated to space for expanded activities of the governor's office and the House of Representatives. Most importantly, more space in the Capitol will be dedicated for use by the public. I am very proud of the new building. The MSB was constructed with over 95% Minnesota materials by a workforce that was over 95% Minnesotans with NO time lost for workplace incidents. It is truly a "legacy" structure.

My new address in St. Paul in the Capitol complex is the following:

Sen. Ann H. Rest  
3209 Minnesota Senate Building  
95 University Avenue West  
St Paul, MN 55155

My office email and phone number remain the same:  
[annr@senate.mn](mailto:annr@senate.mn)

651-296-2889

The 2016 session convenes on March 8 at noon in the MSB. Sometime later in March, I intend to host an Open House for interested constituents. Stay tuned for more details.

My committee administrator, Brenda Shafer-Pellinen, will remain on maternity leave until February, but my legislative assistant, Chris McCall, will be on hand to answer any questions about legislation and schedules for the Senate. Contact him at 651-296-2889 or [Christopher.McCall@senate.mn](mailto:Christopher.McCall@senate.mn).

Below is the schedule I have set for Listening Sessions for the first months of 2016, all of which will take place at Frankie's Pizza in New Hope (3556 Winnetka Ave N.) from 11 AM to Noon.

- Saturday, January 30
- Saturday, February 13
- Saturday, February 20
- Saturday, March 5
- Saturday, March 19

Join me for a cup of coffee and lively conversation dealing with issues of your choosing.

Along with Reps. Carlson and Freiberg, I will host the first **District 45 Town Meeting** of 2016 on Saturday, February 27, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM at the Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive North. All are welcome!

In your service,

Ann

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95 University Ave West  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Anne Norris

**From:** Empty Bowls - Robbinsdale Area Schools [robbinsdaleareacommunityed@rdale.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 05, 2016 10:01 AM  
**To:** Anne Norris  
**Subject:** 2016 Empty Bowls Events

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## Help End Hunger in Your Community

Join the Empty Bowls effort  
in support of PRISM and NEAR food shelves.

Empty Bowls is a grass roots community event started in the 1990s in Michigan by two teachers. Since then the event has spread to communities nation-wide. Six years ago, two intrepid volunteers took up the charge and started Empty Bowls in the Robbinsdale School District to support [PRISM](#) and [NEAR](#) food shelves, both of which serve families who live within the district. Last year, over \$15,000 was raised to help alleviate hunger in our community. This year the need in our community is even greater and our goal is to raise \$20,000. Read below to see how you can join in.



**Wine Tasting & Dinner  
at Nonna Rosa's  
Thursday, February 18,  
6:30-9pm**

Chef Francesco and Tina



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Fee: \$50 (\$15 goes to Empty Bowls)

For more information or to register [click here](#) or call 763.504.6990.

by [Seven Dreams Education Foundation](#):

[Robbinsdale Middle School](#)  
Saturdays, 1/23 & 2/6  
10am, 11am & noon

[Plymouth Middle School](#)  
Tuesdays, 1/26 & 2/9  
5:30pm or 6:30pm

Groups welcome.  
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to make the Empty Bowls event to run smoothly. To sign up to volunteer at the Empty Bowls event [click here](#). To find out about general volunteer opportunities contact [Aviva Hillenbrand](#).

In addition, financial and in-kind donations of all sizes are needed and accepted. For information about how you or your business could be a donor, or to learn more about our donor recognition program, contact [Aviva Hillenbrand](#).

## **Attend the 6th Annual Empty Bowls Event Tuesday, March 8, 4:00-7pm**

**JOIN US AT OUR NEW LOCATION!!  
Robbinsdale Cooper High School  
8230 47th Avenue North  
New Hope, MN 55428**

Handcrafted bowls created and donated by community members, local schools and organizations will be available for a donation. A simple meal of soup and bread, all donated by local businesses, will be available, along with local entertainment for your enjoyment. Please join us!

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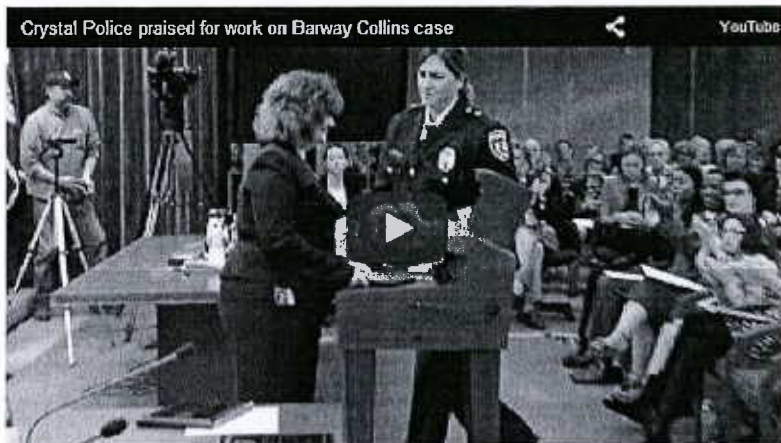
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## 2015-Year in Review: The Barway Collins case

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The Hennepin County Attorney's Office presented the Crystal Police Department with a Community Leadership Award on Friday for its work on the Barway Collins murder case. The 10-year-old was killed by his father, Pierre Collins, who eventually confessed to the crime after the boy's body was found in the Mississippi River.

Channel 12 News sat down with Crystal Police Chief Stephanie Revering to hear her reflections on the case.

"I was with my niece and sister, shopping the day I got the call that his body found in the river," said Revering. "It was very emotional from the start."

Revering says her department's 31 officers and staff put in a lot of overtime and sleepless nights working on the case when Barway was reported missing March 18. From the start of the investigation, Revering says police knew Pierre Collins wasn't being honest.

"The minute that Pierre actually reported his son missing his story wasn't lining up with what he was telling us," said Revering.

For weeks the community and law enforcement officials searched for the boy, while investigators continued to question Pierre Collins. Revering says the search was emotionally draining for members of the Crystal Police Department, many of whom have children of their own.

"I can't imagine someone even thinking that this is okay to do," said Revering.

Revering says her department combed through thousands of videotape surveillance items and other evidence until Barway's body was discovered in the Mississippi River April 11.

"I knew he was most likely going to be found in the river," said Revering. "It was a very sad day."

Electronic evidence put Pierre Collins at the scene. Collins was arrested on April 14 and charged with second-degree murder. A few weeks later he confessed. Collins is currently serving a 40-year prison sentence.

"What possessed him to do it? I have no idea," said Revering.

While the case is officially closed, Revering and the rest of the department say Barway will live in their hearts.

"We see emotional things every single day in our job, however we certainly don't expect to see a 10-year-old get their life taken away by his father."

Sonya Goins, reporting

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## Arrest Report

Date Range: 12/30/2015 06:00:00 AM - 01/06/2016 06:00:00 AM

Case Nbr	Juv	Last Name	First	Middle	Sex	Age	Date Arrested
CYAR16-000041	N	WATANABE	RICHARD	GEORGE	M	70	01/01/2016 12:00 PM
		Address: PO BOX 580133		MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55401	
		Statute: 171-24-5	TRAF-DRIVING AFTER CANCELLATION (IPS)				
CYAR16-000041	N	WATANABE	RICHARD	GEORGE	M	70	01/01/2016 12:00 PM
		Address: PO BOX 580133		MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55401	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-1	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEGREE				
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		Address: PO BOX 580133		MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55401	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-5	TRAF-DUI 4TH DEG ALCOHOL CONC OVER .08 OR MORE W/ 2 HOURS				
CYAR16-000046	N	ASHFORD	CEADRIC	DURJON	M	19	01/01/2016 2:00 PM
		Address: 3256 SHERIDAN AV N		MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55412	
		Statute: 152-025-2-1	CONT SUBST-5TH DEG POSS-PERSCRPTION DRUGS				
CYAR16-000046	N	ASHFORD	CEADRIC	DURJON	M	19	01/01/2016 2:00 PM
		Address: 3256 SHERIDAN AV N		MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55412	
		Statute: 169-797-2	TRAF-DRIVE WITHOUT INSURANCE - OWNER-MS				
CYAR16-000057	N	KLEVE	ADAM	JAMES	M	29	01/01/2016 8:06 PM
		Address: 425 BREMEN PASS		WAVERLY	MN	55390	
		Statute: 169A-20-1-1	TRAF-DUI 3RD DEGREE				
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		Address: 425 BREMEN PASS		WAVERLY	MN	55390	
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		Address: 5624 ZEALAND AV N		NEW HOPE	MN	55428	
		Statute: 609-222-1	ASSAULT-AGGR-2ND DEG-DNG WEAPON-OTH WEAPON				
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# CRYSTAL POLICE DEPARTMENT MEDIA REPORT

## CASE ACTIVITY: Previous 7 Days prior to

January 6, 2016 - 12:00:00 AM

CASE NO	LOCATION	OFFENSE	VALUE	PROPERTY DESCRIPTION	DATE OCCURRED
CY16-000141	49-- WEST BROADWAY	ASSAULT-AGGR-2ND DEG			01/03/2016 02:10
CY16-000240	55-- WEST BROADWAY	ASSAULT-DOM-MS INFLT 3RD			01/04/2016 13:47
CY15-030959	34-- WELCOME AV N	BURGLARY-FORCED-RES-DAY	1,000	TOSHIBA U925P LAPTOP	12/30/2015 09:00
CY15-030959	34-- WELCOME AV N	BURGLARY-FORCED-RES-DAY	400	MG550 GUITAR	12/30/2015 09:00
CY15-030959	34-- WELCOME AV N	BURGLARY-FORCED-RES-DAY	200	WOOD ACOUSTIC GUITAR	12/30/2015 09:00
CY16-000237	35 AV N&ORCHARD AV N	CONT SUBST-5TH DEG POSS			01/04/2016 12:31
CY16-000237	35 AV N&ORCHARD AV N	CONT SUBST-5TH DEG			01/04/2016 12:31
CY15-030900	53-- HANSON CT N	CONT SUBST-POSS OR SELL-SMALL AMT			12/30/2015 02:41
CY15-030900	53-- HANSON CT N	CONT SUBST-POSS-DRUG PARAPHERNALIA			12/30/2015 02:41
CY16-000237	35 AV N&ORCHARD AV N	CONT SUBST-POSS-DRUG PARAPHERNALIA			01/04/2016 12:31
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CY16-000240	55-- WEST BROADWAY	DISORDERLY CONDUCT			01/04/2016 13:47
CY15-030963	59-- WEST BROADWAY	DISTURB-DISORDERLY CONDUCT			12/30/2015 19:11
CY16-000085	72-- 36 AV N	LOST PROPERTY			12/30/2015 22:00
CY15-030962	59-- WEST BROADWAY	ORD-DISORDERLY CONDUCT			12/30/2015 18:20
CY15-030953	53-- LAKELAND AV N	THEFT-OTHER PROPERTY		MN LICENSE PLATE	12/30/2015 08:00
CY16-000237	35 AV N&ORCHARD AV N	TRAF-DRIVERS LIC-DRIVING			01/04/2016 12:31
CY16-000237	35 AV N&ORCHARD AV N	TRAF-DRIVERS LIC-DRIVING			01/04/2016 12:31
CY16-000041	CO RD 81&WILSHIRE BLVD	TRAF-DRIVING AFTER CANCELLATION (IPS)			01/01/2016 11:51
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CY16-000137	56 AV N&WEST BROADWAY	TRAF-DRIVING AFTER SUSPENSION			01/03/2016 01:06
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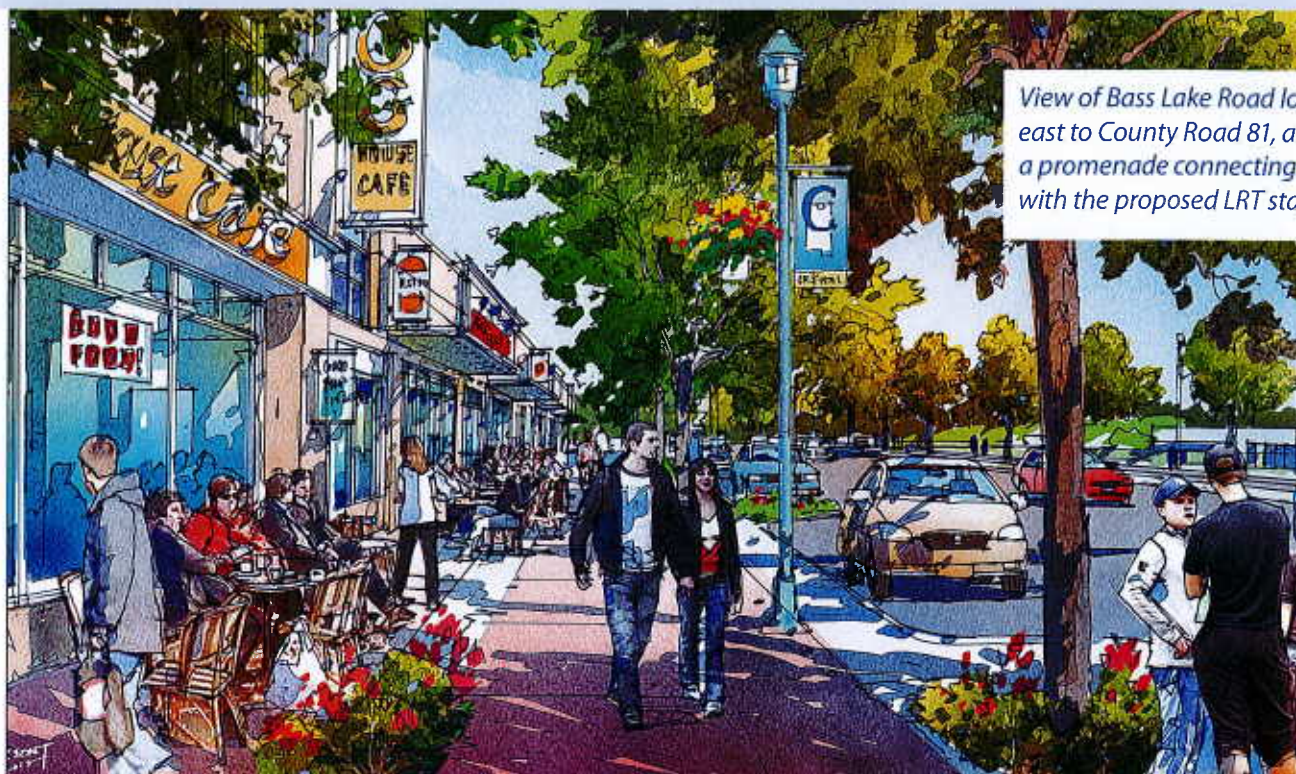
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CY15-030962	59 WEST BROADWAY	UNLAWFUL NOISE-GENERAL PROHIBITION			12/30/2015 18:20

End of Report



# Help shape the future of Crystal

## See and discuss new LRT station area plans!



View of Bass Lake Road looking east to County Road 81, along a promenade connecting shops with the proposed LRT station.

Monday  
**January 25, 2016**  
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**Crystal Community  
Center—Gymnasium**  
4800 Douglas Drive North

Hear a presentation and see drawings for the area around Crystal's light rail transit (LRT) station, including:

- Concepts for Becker Park and Bass Lake Rd. between West Broadway and County Rd. 81
- Concepts for pedestrian crossings at County Rd. 81
- Biking, walking and land use plans for the half-mile area around the LRT station

Share your comments and ask questions

### ***Can't make the meeting?***

- Review materials at [www.hennepin.us/bottineau](http://www.hennepin.us/bottineau)
- Share your comments at <https://mysidewalk.com/sidewalks/11419/crystal-mn>

For more information or to request special assistance to attend this meeting, such as ASL or other translations, contact [Bottineau@hennepin.us](mailto:Bottineau@hennepin.us) or Denise Engen at 612-348-4454 by January 18.




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## Chrissy Serres

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**From:** Minnesota Secretary of State <MNSOS@public.govdelivery.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 04, 2016 9:41 AM  
**To:** Chrissy Serres  
**Subject:** January 2016 Open Appointments Vacancy Notice

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You are subscribed to Open Appointments for monthly vacancy notification. This information has recently been updated, and is now available.

### OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE

**Steve Simon**

#### Notice of Vacancies in State Boards, Councils and Committees

January 4, 2016 — The Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State today released the January 2016 notice of vacancies for various state boards, councils and committees that are accepting applications, due January 26, 2016. Minnesotans are encouraged to apply and serve in demonstration of public service. The full list of vacancies is listed below and online.

Additionally, Minnesotans will now be able to find information and updates on new vacancies on Secretary of State Steve Simon's official Facebook and Twitter pages. You can find those here:

[Facebook.com/MNSteveSimon](https://www.facebook.com/MNSteveSimon)

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Application forms are available online and must be submitted by January 26, 2016, to assured of full consideration by the appointing authority. Appointing authorities may choose to review applications received by the Secretary of State after January 26.

See **HOW TO APPLY** at the end of the message.

#### **CURRENT VACANCIES**

Below is a list of agencies with vacancies.  
Please visit our website for complete descriptions.

#### **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Vacancies: One Person with Training or Interest in Drugs other than Alcohol

#### **GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL ON EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION**

Vacancies: One Department of Human Services Representative

#### **MN BOARD ON AGING**



Vacancies: One Member

## **MN JOINT UNDERWRITING ASSOCIATION - LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Vacancies: One Public Member

### **HOW TO APPLY**

Submit an Application

Complete the application form.

Applicants should include the following documents:

- Open Appointments Application Form (completed, signed and dated)
- Letter of Interest
- Resume or Biography

Applications may be submitted online, by email to [Open.Appointments@state.mn.us](mailto:Open.Appointments@state.mn.us), or by mail or in person to:

Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State  
180 State Office Building  
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
St Paul, MN 55155-1299

The monthly Notice of Vacancies is posted on the first Monday of every month and is provided by email to those who subscribe for the notice.

In accordance with the Minnesota Open Appointments Law, the Secretary of State acts as an administrator in publishing vacancies, receiving applications and recording appointments. Applications will be reviewed and appointments made by the appointing authorities; questions about specific vacancies and appointments should be directed to the appointing authority. Applications are kept on file for a one-year period.

The 2015 Open Appointments Annual Report is available online and includes a complete listing of state boards and councils that follow the Open Appointments process, descriptions of these agencies and membership, and statistical information about appointments and vacancies during the 2015 fiscal year. A print version of the report is available at the Minnesota Bookstore, (651) 297-3000 or 1-800-657- 3757.

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## **JOINT WATER COMMISSION MINUTES**

### **Golden Valley - Crystal - New Hope**

**Meeting of December 2, 2015**

The Golden Valley – Crystal – New Hope Joint Water Commission (JWC) meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm in the City of Golden Valley Council Conference Room.

#### **Commissioners Present**

Anne Norris, City Manager, Crystal  
Kirk McDonald, City Manager, New Hope  
Tim Cruikshank, Golden Valley

#### **Staff Present**

Sue Virnig, Finance Director, Golden Valley  
Bernie Weber, Operations Manager, New Hope  
Randy Kloepper, Water Superintendent, Crystal  
Bert Tracy, Public Works Maintenance Manager, Golden Valley  
Dave Lemke, Utilities Supervisor, New Hope  
R.J. Kakach, Utility Engineer, Golden Valley  
Bob Paschke, Director of Public Works, New Hope  
Mark Ray, Director of Public Works/City Engineer, Crystal

#### **Approval of Minutes – November 4, 2015**

Moved by McDonald seconded by Cruikshank to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2015 Joint Water Commission Meeting. Motion carried.

**Approve Change Order #3 with Gelsinger and Sons for the 36-Inch PCCP Rehabilitation Project.** A sanitary sewer manhole was identified as being removed as part of the CSAH 81 Reconstruction Project approximately 10 years ago, was still in place and the modified watermain alignment went through the manhole. Due to the presence of the manhole, tunneling crews had to work additional days to break through the manhole to allow the new pipe to pass through. The cost for this additional work is \$27,376.56 based on time and material. TAC has reviewed and agreed that these additional costs are valid and recommend approving this change order.

Moved by McDonald seconded by Cruikshank to approve Change Order #3 with Gelsinger and Sons for the 36-Inch PCCP Rehabilitation Project. Motion Carried

**Approve Change Order with Keys Well Drilling for High Service Pump Replacement Project.** Changes to the original construction schedule and additional work on other pumps that experienced problems during the project. The total change order amount is \$7,800. The TAC has reviewed and agreed that these additional costs are valid and recommend approving this change order.

Moved by McDonald seconded by Cruikshank to approve the Change Order with Keys Well Drilling for High Service Pump Replacement. Motion carried.

**TAC Update**

TAC is working to close out MBI and Burschville contracts (a few small change orders still required) for the Emergency Wells Project. Also completing punch-list items and final quantities for the 36-inch PCCP project.

TAC will work on the Water Supply Plan in 2016 and determine if a consultant is needed for assistance.

Killmer will move the generator at the Golden Valley reservoir in the spring of 2016. They will honor original quote as closely as possible. However, all price increases will be put before the Joint Water Commission for contract approval.

The PCCP Analysis Project Request for Quotes will be sent out in mid-December. Proposals will be due January 12<sup>th</sup>, with interviews on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The proposed project award will be at the February Joint Water Commission meeting with final project report due November 2016.

**Other Business**

None

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2016 at 1:30 pm in the Golden Valley Council Chamber. The room change is due to construction at City Hall.

**Adjournment**

Chair Norris adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm.

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Chair Anne Norris

ATTEST:

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Sue Schwalbe, Recording Secretary

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**CITY OF CRYSTAL**  
**METRO BLUE LINE EXTENSION**  
**(BOTTINEAU LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT)**  
**MUNICIPAL CONSENT PLANS**

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**OPEN HOUSE**  
**5:30 - 7 P.M. ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016**  
**CRYSTAL CITY HALL, 4141 DOUGLAS DR N**

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**7:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2016**  
**CRYSTAL CITY HALL, 4141 DOUGLAS DR N**

The Metropolitan Council is proposing an extension of the existing METRO Blue Line from Target Field Station in Minneapolis, to the west, then north through the cities of Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park.

In Crystal, the line would be built within the BNSF freight rail corridor with a station and park and ride lot near the southwest corner of Bass Lake Road and Bottineau Boulevard. The line would provide direct service from Crystal to downtown Minneapolis, MSP International Airport and the Mall of America. It would also provide connecting service to the Green Line LRT which serves the University of Minnesota and St. Paul with an extension from Minneapolis to the southwest suburbs currently in development. Construction on the METRO Blue Line Extension is expected to start in 2018, with the line opening in 2021.

At this time, the Metropolitan Council has prepared preliminary design plans and is seeking Municipal Consent from each of the cities along the line.

**What is "Municipal Consent"?**

When a state agency like the Metropolitan Council proposes a regional project through a city, state law typically requires the agency to seek the city's approval of the preliminary design plans for the project. For this project, the law is Minnesota Statutes 473.3994. **Before the Crystal City Council considers a resolution to approve or disapprove the preliminary design plans for the Crystal segment, it must hold a public hearing on the plans.**

**To learn more about the plans for the Crystal segment:**

- View general information about the project on the city's website at [www.crystalmn.gov](http://www.crystalmn.gov); (click on the METRO Blue Line link under "What's Happening")
- View the guide to the Municipal Consent process at <http://tinyurl.com/o7qnhoc>;
- View the preliminary design plans in pdf format at <http://tinyurl.com/nngheeq>;
- View the preliminary design plans in person during normal business hours at:
  - Rockford Road Library, 6401 42nd Avenue North
  - Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive North
  - Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North
- View the state law requiring municipal consent for light rail transit projects at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=473.3994>.

**To see the plans for the Crystal segment and ask questions of Blue Line project staff:**  
**Please attend an open house on Thursday, Jan. 14 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall,** 4141 Douglas Dr N. This is an opportunity to look at the plans for the Crystal segment and ask questions of Blue Line project staff in an informal setting.

**To speak directly to the Crystal City Council:**  
**Please attend the public hearing on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. at Crystal City Hall,** 4141 Douglas Dr N.

**To submit written comments for the Feb. 2 public hearing:**  
Please send written comments prior to the hearing to John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422 or [john.sutter@crystalmn.gov](mailto:john.sutter@crystalmn.gov).

**To contact city staff:**  
Please contact Community Development Director John Sutter at 763.531.1130 or [john.sutter@crystalmn.gov](mailto:john.sutter@crystalmn.gov).

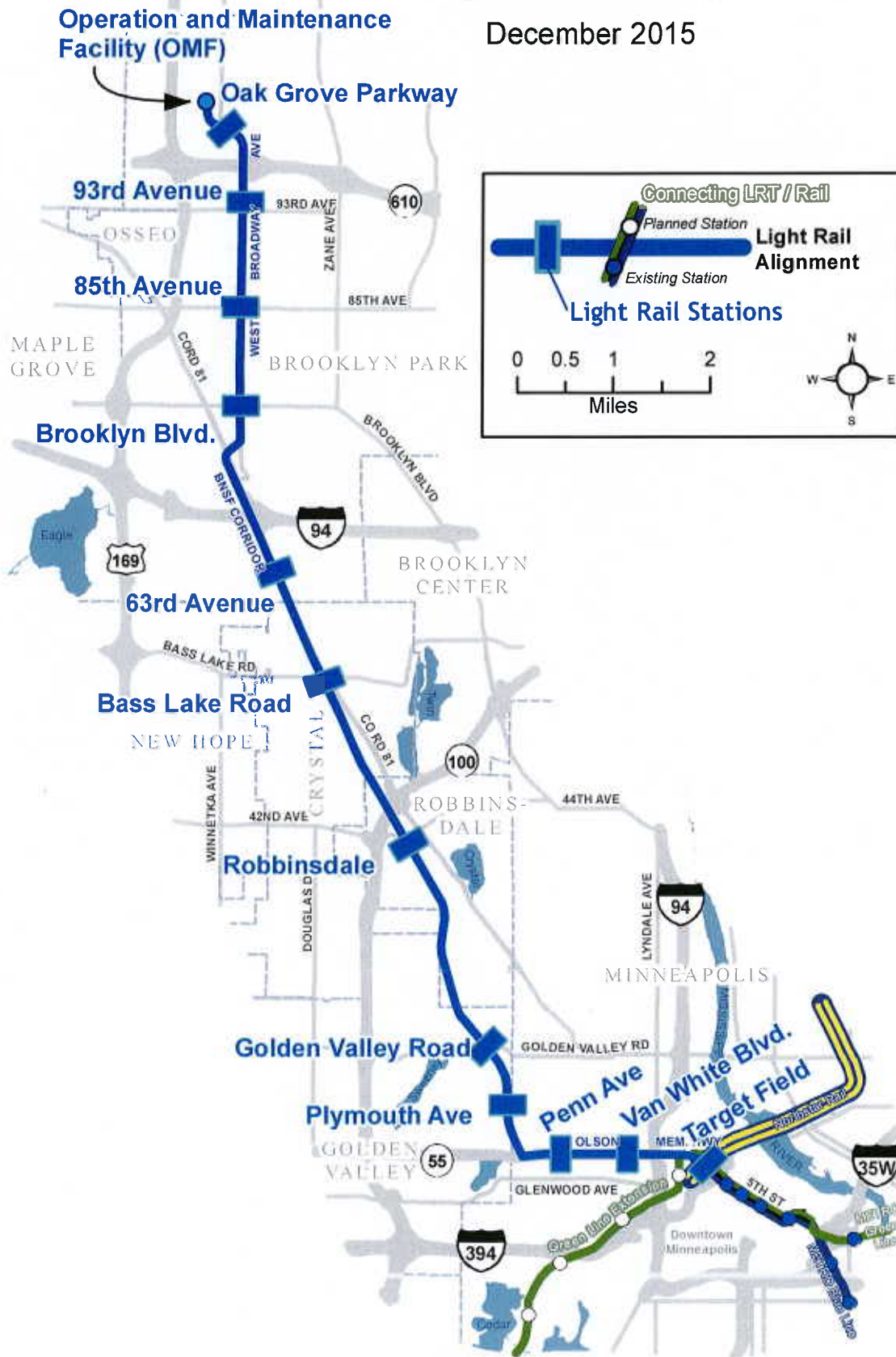
LEGAL NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 473.3994, the Crystal City Council will hold a public hearing on the preliminary design plans for the proposed Metro Blue Line Extension on February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive North in said City. Persons desiring to be heard are invited and encouraged to attend the public hearing. Persons unable to attend may submit written comments prior to the date of the hearing to: John Sutter, City of Crystal, 4141 Douglas Dr N, Crystal MN 55422. Auxiliary aids for handicap persons are available upon request at least 96 hours in advance. Please call the City Clerk at 763-531-1145 to make arrangements. Deaf and Hard of Hearing callers should contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 800-627-3529 V/TTY or call 711 to be connected to a TTY.



# METRO Blue Line Extension

(Bottineau LRT)

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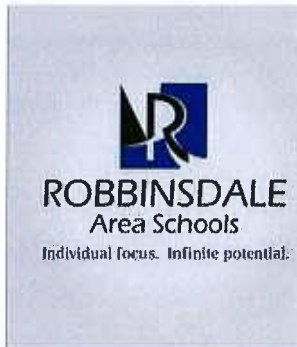




**Anne Norris**

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**From:** Robbinsdale Area Schools [robbinsdaleareaschools@rdale.org]  
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# DISCOVER

## ROBBINSDALE AREA SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY E-NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016

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### AHS Marching Band performs at Outback Bowl



The Armstrong High School Marching Band recently traveled to Florida to perform at a Walt Disney World parade and at the Outback Bowl Parade in Ybor City. The band placed second out of the 13 bands in the parade. Students participated in a mass band halftime show for the Outback Bowl involving all 13 bands, with more than 2,000 students. This is the Armstrong band's fourth trip to Florida and third time performing at the Outback Bowl. Click [here](#) to see more photos and videos!

## Memorial fund for Cooper parent Aisha Freels

A memorial fund has been set up for Aisha Freels, the mother of Cooper High School junior Claude Adams. According to the GoFundMe page, Freels died after being struck by a hit-and-run driver on New Years Eve.

"Her death was sudden and far too soon for anyone to comprehend," the page reads. "She will truly be missed by all who knew her."

Click [here](#) to learn more.





## Academic Excellence for All meeting Jan. 7

Our continued focus on our Unified District Vision has led to a discussion around our most rigorous programming. With new academic expectations, it will no longer be necessary to apply for Pre-AP or honors courses at middle schools, as all students will receive the same rigorous curriculum through Academic Excellence for All. There will be an informational meeting for families at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at Robbinsdale Middle School. Click [here](#) to learn more!



## High school information nights are on Jan. 11

The Armstrong and Cooper course information nights for incoming ninth-graders have been rescheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 11, 2016.

These events were rescheduled in order to ensure that parents with middle school students were able to participate in the Academic Excellence for All information meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, at Robbinsdale Middle School.



## Dr. Richard McGregor joins the district

Dr. Richard McGregor has been hired as the Executive Director of Strategic Communication and Achievement Accountability at Robbinsdale Area Schools. McGregor holds a Ph.D. in Economics, an MBA in Management/Marketing, and a Bachelor's of Business Administration in Marketing. He started Jan. 4.

"I am thrilled to have Dr. McGregor joining our team," said Dr. Carlton Jenkins, superintendent of Robbinsdale Area Schools. "I look forward to the leadership and experience he will bring."





## Bird Bash is Feb. 20 - tickets now available

Bird Bash, the Seven Dreams Education Foundation's annual benefit, will be held Saturday, Feb. 20, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest.

The Bird Bash is an annual event benefiting the Seven Dreams Education Foundation and Robbinsdale Area Schools' learners. The first two Bird Bash events raised more than \$78,000 for STEM initiatives in the middle and elementary schools. Money raised this year will be used to create flexible learning spaces in the media centers at both of the district's high schools.

Click [here](#) to get tickets!



## Meet our Remarkable students and staff

More than 12,000 students and 2,000 staff members attend class or work at the Robbinsdale Area Schools. They come from different walks of life as well as different backgrounds, and each has a unique story to tell. We will be sharing their stories through a new campaign starting this fall. Learn more [here](#). At Robbinsdale Area Schools, we invite all students to make their mark. We are Robbinsdale Remarkable. Do you know someone Remarkable? Click [here](#) for a nomination form!



## Meet Heaven

Heaven Shaw, one of Robbinsdale Area Schools' remarkable students, loves music. She has taken this passion and started making her own soundtrack with Robbinsdale Middle School's Beatz and Mindz DJ club.

"Beatz and Mindz teaches me about being myself," the seventh-grader says. "It's taught me about things that people have done that made an impact on the world."

The club has taught Heaven more than just how to remix a song - she and others learn about music history, and music's connection to current events. Heaven has a few songs of her own she hopes to eventually record, and enjoys being around others who appreciate music. Click [here](#) to learn more!



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## Performing Arts News

The Robbinsdale Cooper High School Music Department is pleased to present its fourth-annual variety show, "In the Mix!" at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, in the Cooper Auditorium. This event will showcase the musically diverse talents of Cooper students. Come early for the Performing Arts Winter Social and Silent Auction at Cooper. Join us for an hour of tastings and treats before the show from 5:45-6:45. Enjoy appetizers, beverages and desserts for \$10. All proceeds from "In the Mix!" Variety Show will be used to purchase a new sound board/mixer for the Cooper Auditorium. To purchase tickets to the Pre-Show Winter Social, email [Cooper.performing.arts@gmail.com](mailto:Cooper.performing.arts@gmail.com).

### Upcoming arts events

**FAIR 6th-8th Grade Band Concert:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, FAIR School Crystal

**FAIR 6-8 Grade Dance & Media Arts Performance:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, Fair School Crystal

#### Concert Videos:

[AHS Parade of Bands](#)

[AHS Fall Orchestra Concert 10-19-15](#)

[Fall Music Festival at Orchestra Hall](#)

[Cooper Marching Band Concert "Light Up the Night"](#)

[All District & Combined Symphony Band Concert](#)

[AHS - PMS Winter Band Concert](#)

[CHS Bel Canto & Concert Choir](#)

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**Your attention, please:**

The second-annual **Soup & Chili Dinner for KidPack** on Jan. 29 will raise funds to support KidPack at Meadow Lake and Forest schools. Click [here](#) to view the flyer!

Attention, teachers: Pre-school, grade school, middle school and high school STEM teachers, along with educators from other disciplines, will be able to take **full-credit engineering-education courses for free** this spring and summer thanks to a \$100,000 sponsorship from Google Inc. to the University of St. Thomas School of Engineering. Click [here](#) to learn more!

Have a voice in the next Minnesota science standards and learn some effective teaching strategies! MnSTA regional directors are organizing **meetings of teachers and other science educators** to help prepare for the science standards review in 2017 and provide a local networking opportunity. The local meeting is at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, at Jackson Middle School in Champlin. Click [here](#) to learn more!

Interested in learning about lacrosse, or sharpening your skills? **The Armstrong Cooper Youth Lacrosse Association** has a [boys clinic](#) starting Wednesday, Jan. 6, and a [complimentary youth clinic](#) for boys and girls on Friday, Jan. 8.

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## School Board news

The School Board will meet **Monday, Jan. 11**, at 5:30 p.m. for a work session followed by a closed meeting for a mid-year superintendent evaluation at 6 p.m. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook to get important votes and other news live during the regular and business meetings. For more School Board news, click on Minutes, Podcast and Webcast below.

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Community &amp; People • Government

## Blue Line Extension meetings, open houses in Crystal

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By Joe Bowen

The Metro Blue Line Extension project is currently in the municipal consent phase, meaning each city along the line is being asked to approve the preliminary design plans for the part of the line that would pass through the city.

Crystal will host an open house on the plans 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, followed by a city council work session at 7 p.m. Both meetings are in the Community Room at Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive N.

The Jan. 14 open house is an opportunity for citizens to view plans and ask questions of Blue Line project staff one-on-one in an informal setting. A printed set of the plans can be viewed during normal business hours at Rockford Road Library, 6401 42nd Ave. N.; Crystal Community Center, 4800 Douglas Drive N.; and Crystal City Hall, 4141 Douglas Drive N. The municipal consent plans and municipal consent guide are available online at [metro council.org](http://metro council.org) or by visiting [tinyurl.com/nngheeq](http://tinyurl.com/nngheeq) and [tinyurl.com/o7qnhoc](http://tinyurl.com/o7qnhoc).

A community meeting will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at Crystal Community Center. The meeting will show proposed plans for the area around the Bass Lake Road station. This will include updates on the materials from the November meeting, which can be viewed at [crystalmn.gov/stationplan1115.pdf](http://crystalmn.gov/stationplan1115.pdf).

For more information about station area planning, visit the project website  at [www.hennepin.us/bottineau](http://www.hennepin.us/bottineau) or contact City Planner Dan Olson at [dan.olson@crystalmn.gov](mailto:dan.olson@crystalmn.gov) or 763-531-1142.

The Crystal City Council is also scheduled to hold a formal public hearing on the preliminary design plans on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers.

In 2013, the Metropolitan Council amended its regional transportation plan to include the METRO Blue Line Extension, also known as the Bottineau light rail transit line, which would run from Target Field Station in Minneapolis to the west then north through the cities of Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Crystal and Brooklyn Park. The line

would provide direct service from Crystal to Downtown Minneapolis, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America. It would also provide connecting service to the Green Line LRT, which serves the University of Minnesota and St. Paul, with an extension from Minneapolis to the southwest suburbs currently in development.

Construction on the Blue Line Extension is expected to start in 2018 with the line opening in 2021.

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## Crystal approves first set of amendments to 'cleanup' city code

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By Joe Bowen

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### 'Practically nothing's changing,' says council member

As part of an ongoing effort to streamline the city's code, the Crystal City Council unanimously approved on Dec. 15 a measure that amends several portions of the code's first two chapters.

By and large, the changes remove sections of the code that city staff and officials say are outdated or made redundant by existing state statute, such as a large section in chapter two that outlines the city's campaign finance regulations.

"Why are we restating what's in state law?" City Attorney Anne Norris asked rhetorically in a Dec. 30 interview. "We follow it anyhow."

"Practically nothing's changing," said Councilmember Jeff Kolb prior to the Dec. 15 vote. "It's a cleanup."

The changes were recommended by Crystal's city code review task force, which was commissioned last summer. The 14-member task force has been poring over the city's code chapter by chapter and making recommendations that are then reviewed by city staff, including City Attorney Troy Gilchrest, who said the task force's purpose is  make the code more usable and understandable for the average citizen.

"These chapter one and two changes are primarily cleanup-related things, trying to address some administrative provisions and largely cleaning up language that is no longer needed," Gilchrest said at the Dec. 15 council meeting.

The next set of recommendations will cover all or portions of chapters three and four of the code, which govern land use, signage, city commissions and more. Recommendations for those sections – or at least part of chapter three – are slated to be presented to the council at a Jan. 19 work session.

The task force itself is already looking at chapter five of the code, Norris said. The task force is scheduled to meet 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Crystal City Administration Building, 4141 Douglas Dr. N. Its first meeting was June 30.

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## Crystal City Council bags bucks for NEAR and PRISM

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By Joe Bowen

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The Crystal City Council and other city volunteers partnered with the Crystal Cub Foods to raise funds for two local food shelves serving Crystal: NEAR and PRISM. The volunteers bagged groceries for tips at Cub Foods on Dec. 17.

All proceeds will be donated in March when they will be matched by a national organization.





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## Crystal, New Hope sparkle for the holidays

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By Joe Bowen



The cities of Crystal and New Hope, along with the West Metro Fire Auxiliary, selected a total of four homes and one business as winners of the annual “Crystal Sparkles” and “New Hope Sparkles” holiday lighting contests.

In Crystal, the winners were Justin Youngbluth and George McClure. Youngbluth was awarded first place and McClure got second.



In New Hope, the first place winner was the Larson family, and the Drinkwine family won second place.

The Emerald Point Apartments on the 7600 block of 36th Avenue North were recognized as having the best business holiday lighting in New Hope. Crystal elected not to select a "best business" winner after receiving zero nominations for the honor last year.

The winning Crystal homes were expected to be recognized at the city's council meeting on Jan. 5. Likewise, the New Hope winners will be recognized at the city council's Jan. 11 meeting.

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## Crystal school seeks \$50,000 to 'raise the roof'

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By Joe Bowen

Students at Lionsgate Academy in Crystal play some badminton on the morning of Jan. 4. Their school hopes to raise \$50,000 to renovate the gym at its new location in Hopkins. (Submitted photo)

### **Lionsgate Academy is soliciting donations for a regulation-sized gym for its new building in Hopkins**

A Crystal charter school hopes to "raise the roof" at the gym in its new Hopkins location.

The Lionsgate Foundation is hosting an online fundraiser that, if successful, would bump the roof height of the new gym from an existing 14 feet to 25 feet. The foundation is a fundraising arm of Lionsgate Academy, a public charter school on Nevada Avenue that specializes in teaching students on the autism spectrum. The academy will move to a new, larger location in a Hopkins office complex prior to the 2016-17 school year, but needs \$50,000 to make the gym large enough for its students to use properly, organizers say.

"Having a regulation-sized, fully equipped gym will help all of the Lionsgate students have the facility they need to start a life time of physical activity and learn to enjoy recreational activities in a safe and supportive environment," reads the fundraiser ~~web~~  page, which also claims that 32 percent of teens with autism are obese.

The fundraiser - called "Raise the Roof!" - is open through Jan. 17, and donors had pledged a total of about \$31,000 as of Dec. 30, according to Kristi Person, a business teacher at the academy and a director of the foundation. Four days later, Person reported that the fundraiser was only \$10,000 short of its goal.

Unlike large public school districts, charter schools are unable to levy taxpayers for construction or technology projects, Person explained, and most have fundraising organizations designed to bridge that gap.

"The funding that we have just isn't covering that 50,000 [dollars] for the actual structure," she said, adding that the foundation raises money year-round for the academy, but that the roof effort is its first "concentrated campaign."

Lionsgate Academy is open to all students in grades seven through 12 but specializes in teaching those on the autism spectrum. Students there live throughout the Twin Cities.

About 130 students are enrolled currently, and the move to the larger Hopkins building is partly to accommodate burgeoning enrollment. The academy was founded in 2008, and its waiting list is about 170 names deep, according to the fundraiser website. Person said the new building could accommodate up to 150 students.

If the fundraiser falls short of its goal by the Jan. 10 deadline, donated funds will still go toward outfitting the new building. Funds donated in excess of the \$50,000 goal will go toward science labs, a retractable stage for the academy's theater department and more.

Donations: [razoo.com/us/story/roof](http://razoo.com/us/story/roof).

Info: 763-486-5359.

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